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Aruba's Jayme Mata...Ready for 2012 London Olympic Games!

About sixteen years ago Jayme decided he would train for Judo at the Judo Center in Tanki Leendert so he could become professional in the sport of Judo. He joined the Judo Center and immediately admired the dedication and level of the Judo players like Guido Carlo, Vito Carlo, Daniel Marquina, Fider Vis and Javier Wanga.

Soon Jayme began training day and night to improve his judo level. In 2001, Jayme completed his VWO high



school education and chose to continue his studies in Holland. A few weeks after arriving in Holland he was invited to train with the Arnhem and Nijmegen selection, also with Judo Top Tilburg. Thus, he combined his Judo training during the week with Mondays at Arnhem, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Nijmegen and on Fridays he would train with Javier Wanga in Tilburg.

In 2002 together with Javier Wanga, Jayme began competing in individual competitions and teams. In 2004, he experienced his best year in the Judo sport. That was the year that Jayme won the International KAN Tournament. He won a Silver medal in the Tomoda In-

ternational and Pot van Olen in Belgium. In London, England that same year Jayme won a Bronze medal.

Together with the Nijmegen team he earned first place in the promotions ranking. In the majority of competitions Jayme was always among the 7 best fighters. In 2005 Jayme received his first invitation from Aruba to compete as a representative of Aruba. That was the first time that he participated in the Pan American Championships which took place in Puerto Rico.

In the Pan American Championship Jayme ended up in seventh place where through elimination he won his opponent from Paraguay, then to lose against Roberto Ibanez

who represented Ecuador at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. In 2006 Jayme received another opportunity to compete for Aruba at the Central American and Caribbean Games. Jayme felt he was in top shape and on an excellent Judo level; however, regrettably, he suffered a back injury.

An MRI scan revealed that Jayme had suffered a hernia in his neck, consequently for two long years Jayme could not compete in Judo. Nonetheless, he continued to train his techniques in Arnhem just to keep in shape. As an athlete and excellent student, Jayme completed his Master's degree at the University of Utrecht and began a professional career at KPMG. In his interview with KPMG, he observed that KPMG was also pleased that he was an athlete. And, even though his work at KPMG demanded much from him, Jayme tried to fit in at least 3 trainings per week and on weekends he would run and do fitness training to keep in shape.

In 2008, Jayme received an opportunity to compete in the Brazil World Cup and to remain for training together with Fider Vis, which was Fider's preparation for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

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US drought could trigger higher food prices

World food prices are likely to rise in the coming months in the wake of record-breaking temperatures and drought in the major maize and soybean producing regions of the United States, economists say.

It would be the third spike in food prices in the past five years.

Previous hikes - during

2007 and 2008, and again in 2010 and 2011 - triggered riots and social instability in dozens of countries around the world.

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Sint Maarten exploring Aruba's best practices in tourism and air traffic



Last Wednesday Aruba's Minister of Tourism & Labor, Otmar Oduber, received a courtesy visit from the Minister of Tourism, Economy, Transport & Telecommunications of Sint Maarten, Romeo Pantophlet, along with his delegation.

During this visit a dialogue was sustained regarding the establishment of a Sint Maarten Tourism Authority in which Minister Pantophlet requested the advice and opinion of Minister Oduber of Aruba. The Sint Maarten Minister is interested in exploring and learning from Aruba's best

practices so as to avoid having to "invent the wheel."

The Sint Maarten Minister indicated that Aruba's tourism is exemplary, with every report indicating that Aruba is heading in the right direction and has an excellent relationship with their stakeholders, which is extremely positive. Pantophlet stated that it is their intention in Sint Maarten to follow Aruba's lead.

They also deliberated about cooperation with Aruba to raise the level of the air transport of Sint Maarten from its current category 2 to a cate-

gory 1. Sint Maarten's category was reduced because of the relationship they had with Curacao which was also reduced in category.

In view of the excellent example of Aruba's air transport, Sint Maarten wants to sign a service agreement so they can follow Aruba's best practice with respect to air transport.

Minister Pantophlet expressed great satisfaction and gratitude for the opportunity he had to sit with Aruba's Minister Oduber, and for the support he received from the Aruban Minister.

Creating better roads on Aruba!

Last week the Minister of Integration, Infrastructure & Environment, Benny Sevinger, signed three contracts for projects having to do with the asphaltting and construction or reconstruction of roads to be executed in the upcoming months. The signing came after a Public Tender in which the companies with the lowest bids received the concessions for these jobs.

The projects involve asphaltting phase 3 of the Safir road and phase 3 of Topaz within the context of the 2012 part 3 IWIF, and according to DOW specifications. This project will be undertaken by "Better Infrastructure Company N.V. which had the lowest bid of Afl.988.208, 00 for this particular job.

For the reconstruction of the Tarabana-Seroe Blanco phase 2 project within the IWIF part 5 budget, this job will be undertaken by NV Arubaanse Wegenbouw Maatschappij which had the lowest bid of Afl.407.303,00 to complete this project.

The asphaltting of phase 2 of the Esmeralda and phase 2



Benny Sevinger

of the Opal-Ruby roads within the part 2 IWIF budget, again NV Arubaanse Wegenbouw Maatschappij got this project with the lowest bid of Afl.975.120, 00.

The funds for all of these projects come from the IWIF budget (Interim Wegen Infrastructuur Funds) for the year 2012.

The government is working diligently to construct, repair and asphalt all roads on the island and to do this within the least amount of time to limit the amount of disturbance to motorists.

Aruba Tourism Authority's results for June 2012

ORANJESTAD -- According to Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), the month of June shows a tourism visitor increase of 7.5% compared to the month of June 2011. Last June 2011 Aruba received 67.999 visitors while this June 2012 we received 73.073 visitors to the island.

The difference in absolute figures is 5074 more visitors in 2012 compared to 2011 for the

month of June. Aruba's three biggest markets, namely, the USA, Holland and Venezuela, grew in the month of June.

North America:

From the North American market, our principal market, Aruba saw an increase of 5.3%. The US market grew by 4.1% which represents 1778 more visitors more than June 2012.

This is a rather significant increase and one of the reasons

for this is that Americans decided to travel in volume during the weekend of June 30 in view of the fact that that was the week of the 4th of July Holiday. They took advantage of tagging on a vacation during that week. Also, the fact that June 2012 had one more Saturday compared to June 2011 also contributed to the increase of visitors from the US market.

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The Canadian market also grew in the month of June with 42.94% compared to June 2011. This was on account of the additional flights from Toronto with Wesket.

Europe

The European market also grew by 2.7% led by the English market which grew by 26.8% and represents 517 more visitors. The Holland market also grew with 0.5% while Germany had a drop of 21.2%. The Scandinavian countries dropped 10% compared to June 2011. Much of the fluctuations were due to the historic travel season which applies to many of these markets.

Latin America

The Latin American market grew by 14.9% compared to June 2011. The market grew in June with Argentina in the lead with a growth of 60.5% compared to June 2011, which was equal to 356 visitors more.

The Venezuelan market followed with a growth of 25.6% more visitors in June 2012. In absolute figures this was 1841 more visitors from Venezuela in June 2012.

The Brazilian market dropped by 1.9% compared to June 2011, and Colombia with 4.3%. It is also important to note that seat capacity is limited, which means that the growth of Argentina influences seat availability for Colombia and Brazil. Much is being done to meet this challenge; perhaps they will be adding more flights.

Aruba received during the period of January to June 2012

a total of 442.790 visitors, which represents an increase of 2.2% compared to the same period in 2011 when 433.172 visitors visited the island.

An indication of the quality of the tourists who visit Aruba can be measured by the price they pay per room per person, the "average daily rate" (ADR). The combination of maintaining a high occupancy without affecting the price of the room is very important. This means that the REVPAR is the most important indicator where price is a significant element.

According to AHATA, for the month of June, the ADR increased by 4.6% from \$157.53 in June 2011 to \$164.81 in June 2012. Hotel occupancy increased by 3.8% this month from 67.7% in June 2011 to 71.5% in June 2012. Room revenue, "Revenue per Available Room" (REVPAR) increased by 10.5% from \$106.65 in June 2011 to \$117.85 in June 2012.

ATA is very pleased with these results, which are a reflection of all the efforts being done locally and in each individual market. There are, obviously, challenges this year, especially for the US market, which did result in a nice increase this year. Together with her partners, ATA is working diligently to combat "softness" which could arise in different markets. Additional budgets have been allocated to boost wherever is necessary. They are extremely happy with the impressive 7.5% increase for June which is always a month needing an extra push.

Aruba Vacation Waterpark under new management



Since a couple of weeks the Aruba Waterpark has been under new management. Daily operations have been taken over by Active Events, also known for organizing corporate team building events and especially as the company behind Beach Tennis Aruba.

The new management is aiming for the waterpark to become THE exciting alternative for the beach. In particular for children it is a welcome addition to the current options of entertainment. In the future the park will offer even more amusement for kids with activities such as kid camps and of course the opening of the new kid's pool.

Another very important priority of the new management is the place of the waterpark within the Aruban society. At the end of this school year around 300 children from various schools had an unforgettable day at the park. Also, recently the volunteers and participants of the Aruba Hi-Winds enjoyed a wonderful



evening in the park.

The management intends to continue offering reduced prices for these types of institutions to fit their budgets.

The coming weeks the focus will be on the construction of the new attraction. An amazing castle with 5 new slides, a mushroom waterfall and a 1,000 liter water bucket, built inside a 1,500 m2 pool and next to 2000 m2 sun deck surrounding the area. In the meantime the park is open

every Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 6pm.

The Lagoon Pool with the beautiful waterfall and the 4 slides are open all day. Entrance fee for children from 3 to 12 years old is Afl. 15.- and for 13 years and older it is Afl. 20.-. The vacation special for children is Afl. 25.- and includes a kids meal with 2 soda's and an ice cream. The entrance of the waterpark is next to the stairs that go to the top of the Hooiberg.

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Aruba's Jayme Mata...Ready for 2012 London Olympic Games!

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It was there in Brazil that Jayme discovered that he was still a great player, and decided to resume training in Nijmegen so he could develop again. In 2011, Jayme began competing again in his old weight of 66 kilos. He succeeded in winning all his games in the university championships and came out in 4th place with his team.

At the beginning of 2012 Jayme received a call from his coach, informing him that he had received a personal invitation to compete in the 2012

London Olympic Games. This made him very happy and began making all preparations for the trip to London. He succeeded in training with Dutch competitor Jeroen Mooren who will represent Holland in the 60 kilo category in London. KPMG is also very pleased and has given Jayme their full cooperation to plan his work and training schedules. Jayme is now off to the biggest competition of his life. We asked Jayme how his preparations are going for the 2012 London Olympic

Games. Here's a brief résumé of his responses to some questions:

1. How are your preparations going?

The preparations are going very well. Every week I am making more progress in my sport. My Judo techniques have improved in the past months in my training with Jeroen Mooren who will be representing Holland in the -60 kilos category. Every Sunday morning while we are both in Holland, we agree to train our techniques and

conditions. Now that I am also training in Barcelona we will continue with these trainings.

I am also very well physically; I feel that I have a better balance than ever between my weight and my physical force. In the past I had to lose too much weight at the last moment or I my weight was good but I was too thin for my category of 66 kilos. But now that I am older, rather than becoming more difficult, I'm in better balance with my physical force and weight. I can train very eas-

ily with other Judo players of my weight. And, I no longer have the problem of my opponent having more strength than me.

During the championships I received good guidance from Betto Thiel. One person who is definitely a great help to me in my preparations is Javier Wanga. I train every week with Javier. He is an excellent sparring partner and a good coach. Javier has helped me improve and amplify my techniques. This week I will be training in Barcelona together with the entire team from Holland. This will be the last stop before London. After this we will finalize the training phases in Holland.

2. What will it be like for you to represent Aruba at the Olympic Games?

For me it will be a dream come true to compete in the Olympic Games. And, I am very proud that I can do this representing the small island of Aruba. Every time Holland refers to their selection, they make mention of the fact that they are so small compared to the USA or Brazil, or Germany, etc. but that they are really good. For this reason whenever I have the opportunity to put the name of Aruba on the map, I make sure that everyone knows that I proudly represent a small island.

Whenever we travel, and at all championships with Javier, we both make sure to take along training packs and T-shirts with the Aruba logo on them. We have received much sponsorship from Danny Verlaan (Manager for Spare Time). Danny always helps us with clothes printed in Aruba so we can promote Aruba abroad. Aruba is also on the website of one of the teams of the biggest Martial Arts in Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg. This company has agreed to sponsor Javier and I with material prepared for the Olympic Games and they have agreed to publish these as a sponsor of Team Aruba.

3. What can Aruba expect from Jayme Mata in the 2012 London Olympic Games?

Aruba can expect me to do my utmost best and to perform at my highest level on July 29th and to put the name of Aruba in the spotlight! Once more, I want to show that no matter the small size of the island of Aruba, we can compete at very high levels with very big countries. I already have a large group from Holland who are very enthusiastic about me competing and they will stand with Aruba also on that day. At the end of the day, Aruba and I will look back with pride and satisfaction!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US warns Syria amid chemical weapon fears

PHNOM PENH (AFP) - The US said yesterday that Syrian officials would be "held accountable" if they failed to safeguard the country's chemical weapons after a report suggested some were being moved out of storage.

The Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday that intelligence reports suggested some chemical weapons were on the move, but the reasons for the transfers were unclear.

It said some US officials feared the weapons could be used against rebels or civilians, while others believed the material was being deliberately hidden from armed opposition groups or Western powers.

"We have repeatedly made it clear that the Syrian government has a responsibility to safeguard its stockpiles of chemical weapons," spokeswoman for the US State Department Victoria Nuland told reporters.

"The international community will hold accountable any Syrian officials who fail to meet that obligation," she

added in a statement during a trip by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Cambodia.

The Wall Street Journal said the Obama administration was "particularly worried about Syria's stocks of sarin gas, the deadly and versatile nerve agent".

Syria is also believed to have reserves of mustard gas and cyanide.

"It's very important that the Syrian regime maintains its control and security of these very dangerous weapons," Pentagon spokesman George Little said.

"Our assessment remains what it's been for some time, that the Syrian regime has control of its chemical weapons stockpiles. We're watching very closely, not just the United States but the international community."

More than 17,000 people have been killed in violence since an uprising against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime broke out in March last year, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Tens of thousands protest Japan nuclear restart



TOKYO : A woman holds a banner during a demonstration denouncing nuclear power plants in front of the official residence of Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda in Tokyo on July 13, 2012. Several thousands people took part in the demonstration. A nuclear reactor in western Japan began full operations on July 9, the first restart since the country shut down its atomic stations in the wake of last year's crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Smaller scale protests had been held every Friday outside the premier's residence since late March, and have been led in part by Nobel Prize-winning author Kenzaburo Oe, who started an anti-nuclear petition that has so far gathered more than 7.5 million signatures.

Japan had been left without nuclear power since early May when the last of its 50 working reactors was shut down. Authorities took the decision to restart the two reactors as they seek to head off a summer power crunch. (AFP PHOTO)

The Netherlands to stop budget aid to Mozambique

MAPUTO (AFP) - The Dutch Foreign Ministry yesterday confirmed it would stop funding Mozambique's general budget, insisting the decision was not only linked to a report on the country's questionable

governance record and anti-corruption drive.

"It is true that because of a policy change we are stopping to give general budget support to partner countries," said spokeswoman Saskia Gaster.

"As for progress in the fight against corruption and rule of law, these topics are part of an ongoing discussion with the Mozambican authorities."

Instead of contributions to the country's general budget pool, funds will be diverted to support specific sectors.

"From 33 countries we went down to 15 countries with which we have bilateral development cooperation with, and Mozambique is one of them," Gaster told AFP.

She stressed that "the policy change was not affected by donor countries' review of Mozambique's government", though she conceded "the donor countries judged at that time that progress in the fight against corruption and in good

governance was insufficient."

"This was addressed as well when we informed the government of the policy change end last year," she added.

A Dutch embassy official told AFP earlier that total support to Mozambique in 2012 was 60 million euros, of which 18 million euros was for the state budget. From next year, all the funds will go to sectors such as sexual and reproductive health and rights.

"Mozambique was assessed on its performance in terms of reduction of poverty, improvement in governance and in fighting corruption," said Michael Thijssen, a governance and policy officer at the embassy in Maputo. "According to standards set in our new policy, we did not see sufficient improvement in these areas."

Netherlands is among the southern African nation's 19 donors that contribute just under half of Mozambique's state budget.



WASHINGTON : Guests waved and took pictures as Marine One carrying US President Barack Obama took off from the White House in Washington yesterday for a campaign trip to Virginia. Obama has said he regrets not fostering "a sense of unity and purpose and optimism" early in his term, according to excerpts of a television interview released Thursday. (AFP PHOTO)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Human rights atrocities still go unpunished in Colombia



MEDELLÍN : Urns with the remains of people disappeared during the Colombian civil war, and their portraits, are seen during a ceremony in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia on July 13, 2012. Relatives of 37 victims received the remains of their loved ones, which were recently found in common graves through information given by demobilized combatants of both the leftist guerrillas and right-wing paramilitary groups, in the framework of the country's peace process.

(AFP PHOTO)



GUATEMALA CITY : A Guatemalan Officer escorts a minor alleged member of the Mara Salvatrucha gang after being arrested on charges of assassination and extortion, on July 13, 2012 at Valle del Sol neighborhood, south outskirts of Guatemala City. At least 25 people were arrested during the raid, six of which are minors. Guatemala is one of the most violent countries in Latin America, with an average of 16 deaths per day.

(AFP PHOTO)

Annan: Syria 'flouted' UN resolutions with new killings

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan told the UN Security Council yesterday that the Syrian government "flouted" UN resolutions with the latest mass killings in the country.

The massacre of at least 150 people in the village of Treimsa added new urgency to deadlocked Security Council negotiations on a Syria resolution. Russia has rejected western demands for sanctions to be threatened to back Annan's peace efforts.

"The use of artillery, tanks and helicopters, which has been confirmed by UNSMIS, is a violation of the Syrian government's obligations and commitment to cease the use of heavy weapons in population centers," Annan said in a letter to the 15-nation council.

"Tragically, we now have another grim reminder that the council's resolutions continue to be flouted," Annan said in the letter.

The council passed two re-

solutions in April which set up the UN Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) and demanded that President Bashar al-Assad stick to the six-point peace plan he agreed with Annan. The agreement included a halt to the use of heavy weapons.

Annan reaffirmed his call for the council to "send a message to all that there will be consequences for non-compliance" with his plan.

"This is imperative and could not be more urgent in the light of unfolding events," he added.

In a note with Annan's letter, UN leader Ban Ki-moon said the Treimsa killings marked an "outrageous escalation" of the conflict which he strongly condemned.

UN envoys held more talks yesterday in a bid to break their deadlock on a Security Council resolution to renew

the UN mission. A vote must be held by July 20 when the mission's 90-day mandate runs out.

Western nations have proposed a resolution that would impose sanctions on Assad for not ending the use of heavy weapons in the conflict. Russia, however, has rejected the use of sanctions.

A resolution proposed by Britain, France, United States, Germany and Portugal would give Assad 10 days to stop the use of heavy weapons, in line with the Annan plan, or face sanctions. The western nations only want to give UNSMIS a new 45-day mandate.

Russia's rival resolution would renew UNSMIS for 90 days but makes no mention of international measures. The Russian government has said sanctions are "unacceptable" and would not be allowed.

Chavez says Venezuela is no threat to anyone

CARACAS - President Hugo Chavez yesterday denied that Venezuela was a threat to anyone, after U.S. presidential hopeful Mitt Romney criticized Barack Obama for playing down the risk posed by the socialist leader.

Obama told a Spanish-language television station in an interview screened this week that Chavez's actions over recent years had not had a serious national security impact on the United States.

Romney said Obama's comments were "stunning and shocking" and showed a pattern of weakness in the Democratic president's foreign policy.

In an interview with a local Venezuelan television station yesterday, Chavez dismissed the allegations he posed any

danger.

"The Venezuela of today is no threat to anyone," he said.

Whenever there were efforts to improve relations between Washington and Caracas, Chavez added, they were criticized by powerful "snipers" who issued threats in the U.S. media.

Chavez also cited his friendship with Juan Manuel Santos, the conservative leader of neighboring Colombia.

"The president of Colombia has said it, twice: Chavez is a factor of stability for the region."

Obama's campaign team has accused Romney, the likely Republican nominee in the November 6 election, of playing into Chavez's hands by giving him the international attention that he wanted.

ICC issues warrant for Rwanda rebel chief Mudacumura

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The International Criminal Court said it issued an arrest warrant yesterday for Rwandan rebel leader Sylvestre Mudacumura for war crimes committed in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Today, 13 July 2012, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a warrant of arrest for Sylvestre Mudacumura, following the request of the ICC Prosecutor," the court said in a statement

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Germany pledges to protect religious circumcision



A rabbi carries an eight-day-old baby during a circumcision ceremony in Jerusalem

BERLIN (AFP) - The German government on Friday pledged quick action to protect the right of Jews and Muslims to circumcise baby boys on religious grounds, after a court ruling that prompted international outcry.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert told reporters it was "concerned" about the judgement published by a Cologne regional court last month calling the religious rite of circumcision a criminal act.

"It is absolutely clear to the federal government that we want Jewish, we want Muslim religious life in Germany. Circumcisions carried out in a responsible way must not be subject to prosecution in this country," he said.

"It is urgently necessary that we establish legal certainty."

He said that aides from Merkel's office would now discuss with the relevant government ministries ways to put the "ancient rite" on firm legal footing.

"It is clear this cannot be put on the back burner. Freedom to practise religion is a cherished legal principle," he said.

A spokeswoman for the justice ministry said that there were three options for new draft laws to protect circumcisions on religious grounds that were under "intensive" review.

The leader of Merkel's conservative parliamentary group, Volker Kauder, called for a cross-party resolution to this effect to be passed in the Bundestag during a session next Thursday, in an interview to be published Saturday in the daily Die Welt.

The Cologne ruling said religious circumcision of male infants was tantamount to grievous bodily harm, a criminal act subject to prosecution.

It concerned a case brought against a doctor who had circumcised a four-year-old Muslim boy in line with his parents' wishes.

When, a few days after the operation, the boy suffered heavy bleeding, prosecutors charged the doctor.

The court later acquitted the doctor himself of causing harm but judged that "the right of a child to keep his physical integrity trumps the rights of parents" to observe their religion, potentially set-

ting a legal precedent.

German diplomats admit that the ruling has proved "disastrous" to the country's image abroad, particularly in light of its Nazi past, following uproar from officials in Israel as well as Muslim countries.

European Muslim and Jewish groups banded together this week to criticise the ruling and called on German MPs to pass legislation protecting the practice.

Pinchas Goldschmidt, president of the Conference of European Rabbis, who organised an "emergency" meeting in Berlin of around 40 Orthodox Jewish clerics Thursday on the judgement, called it "perhaps one of the gravest attacks on Jewish life in the post-Holocaust world."

Goldschmidt, also head of the rabbinical court of the former Soviet states, said if other judges went along with the Cologne ruling "it would mean that a large part of the (Jewish) community does not have a future in Germany".

Opposition leaders said Friday they would back a new law, with the head of the Social Democrats Sigmar Gabriel calling for "legal clarity" on the matter and Renate Kuenast of the Greens welcoming the fact that a "storm of outrage" had "finally led the government to see reason".

Legal experts, however, note that drafting legislation could prove tricky in balancing religious freedom on the one hand against "physical integrity" on the other.

Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger noted this week that even with a new law, a federal court would likely have the last word on the issue.

When You Fire Up That Grill...



Summer weather is here, and for many, that means firing up the barbecue.

Here are some barbecue safety suggestions:

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- * Grill lean meats to avoid flame flares caused by fat drippings.

food to become charred. Some studies suggest charred meat may be linked to cancer.

- * Let your meat marinate for a few hours before cooking to help reduce the chances of charring.

Ottawa to appeal assisted suicide ruling

(AFP)--Canada's attorney general announced Friday that he will appeal a lower court ruling that has cleared the way for assisted suicides.

"The government is of the view that the Criminal Code provisions that prohibit medical professionals, or anyone else, from counseling or providing assistance in a suicide, are constitutionally valid," Attorney General Rob Nicholson said in a statement.

The nation's top Justice Department official acknowl-

edged that the issue is "emotional and divisive" for many Canadians.

But, he added, "The laws surrounding euthanasia and assisted suicide exist to protect all Canadians, including those who are most vulnerable, such as people who are sick or elderly or people with disabilities."

The Supreme Court of British Columbia last month said a ban against physician-assisted suicides was unconstitutional.



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Stone darts suggest parallel cultures in America



WASHINGTON (AFP) - International scientists said Thursday that unusual stone dart tips found in an Oregon cave may have been made by a little known people who were perhaps the oldest inhabitants of North America.

The findings, published in the journal Science, add new information to a long-running debate over who were the first people to inhabit North America and become the founding culture of the Native Americans.

An analysis of stone tools and human feces excavated from the Paisley Caves shows that people lived there about 13,200 years ago, around the same time or even before the Clovis people are known to have arrived on the continent.

Standard theory holds that the first inhabitants of the Americas, known as the Clovis people, arrived from Asia by crossing a land bridge into Alaska at the end of the last Ice Age.

But the discovery of weaponry that was made in drastically different ways -- the so-called Western Stem tradition -- has cast doubt on the theory that a single group colonized the land, and adds to a growing body of evidence that the Clovis were not alone.

"These two approaches to making projectile points were really quite different," said co-author Loren Davis from

Oregon State University.

"And the fact that Western Stemmed point-makers fully overlap, or even pre-date Clovis point makers likely means that Clovis peoples were not the sole founding population of the Americas."

The crafting of sharp stone tips with shafts to be attached to a dart or spear is believed to have originated thousands of years earlier in Asia, but the method found in the northwestern US state of Oregon is not the same.

"This is a technology that has apparently developed in North America, and we have an entire assemblage that we recognize as the Western Stem tradition," said lead author Dennis Jenkins of the University of Oregon.

Other Western Stemmed points have been found at sites in Idaho and Nevada.

The points in Oregon appear to be about the same age as Clovis artifacts, but are made differently in the stem part where they attach to the shaft.

"The big a-ha here... is that we have demonstrated that these Western Stemmed tradition points are the same age as Clovis," Jenkins told reporters.

"There is no evidence of Clovis or any precursor to Clovis in the caves currently, and so that suggests that you've got here, at the exact same time, at least two technologies, or cultures if you

want to call them that."

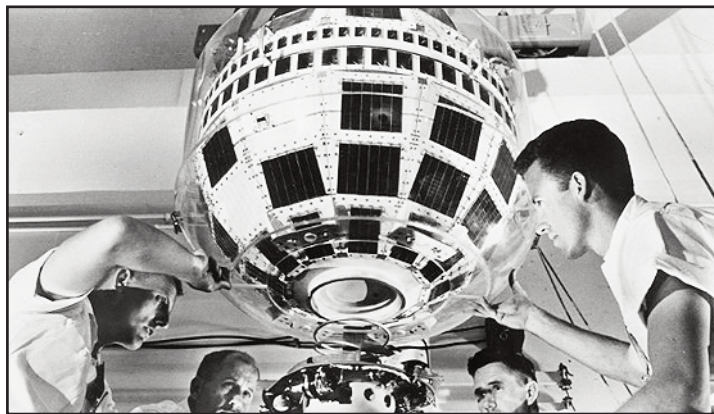
There are multiple possibilities for how such a divide could have occurred, and the findings could imply that there were at least two genetically separate populations in North America, though DNA analysis has not yet proven that.

Jenkins said it is possible that explorers may have crossed from Siberia into Alaska and then branched off into separate groups, one heading to the American west and the other east before eventually coming back together.

Traces of past cultures in the Paisley Caves were first discovered in the late 1930s, when Luther Cressman from the department of anthropology at the University of Oregon found camel, bison and horse remains as well as obsidian artifacts.

The latest study was authored by Paula Campos, Eske Willerslev and Thomas Stafford from the Centre for GeoGenetics at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

US, France mark 50th anniversary of first TV satellite



A technician prepares to wire together the components of Telstar in July 1962

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Fifty years ago Thursday, a beach ball-sized satellite carried the first live television images across the Atlantic, kicking off a new era of global communications decades before the Internet.

The Telstar satellite -- built by Bell Telephone Laboratories for use by AT&T -- was also the first privately sponsored space mission, and was seen as part of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union.

It was launched on July 10, 1962, and two days later beamed the first television satellite signal -- carrying images of the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower -- through bases in Andover, in the northeastern US state of Maine, and Pleumeur-Bodou in the Brittany region of France.

The 170-pound (77-kilo-gram) satellite flew at low orbit and the signal could only be picked up during the 20 minutes or so that it was overhead.

Slovak teen risks prison for pirating movies on Internet



(AFP)--An 18-year-old Slovak is facing up to five years behind bars for posting links sharing pirated movie downloads on the Internet, police in the capital Bratislava said in a statement Friday.

"He stands accused of copyright violation for posting download links to at least 150 movies on various discussion forums on the Internet," it said.

"Since 2008, he has caused copyright holders

damage worth 96,750 euros (\$118,175)," the police added.

Downloading movies or music for personal use is legal in Slovakia but it is illegal to share the downloaded

content on the Internet, either for commercial use or for free.

According to the justice ministry, 12 people were convicted of copyright violations in Slovakia last year.

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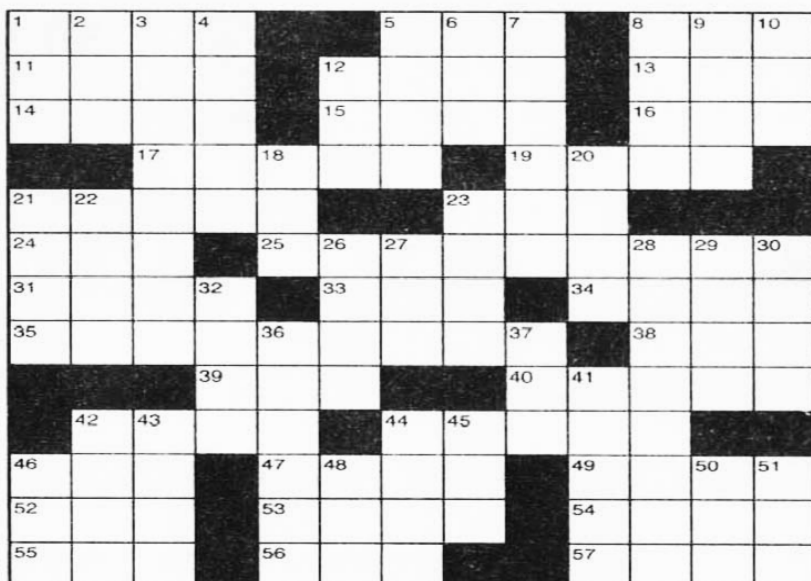
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16. Diner coffeepot
17. Avoid capture
19. Islands (Fr.)
21. Deed holder
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24. Spoil
25. Large, important
31. School alumnus (abbr.)
33. '30s relief agency (abbr.)
34. Car dealer's model
35. Choosing
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40. FBI employee
42. Assess
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47. Display
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12. Free (of)
18. Rainbow shape
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23. Cinematic sleuth Charlie
26. Against (prefix)
27. Cycle start
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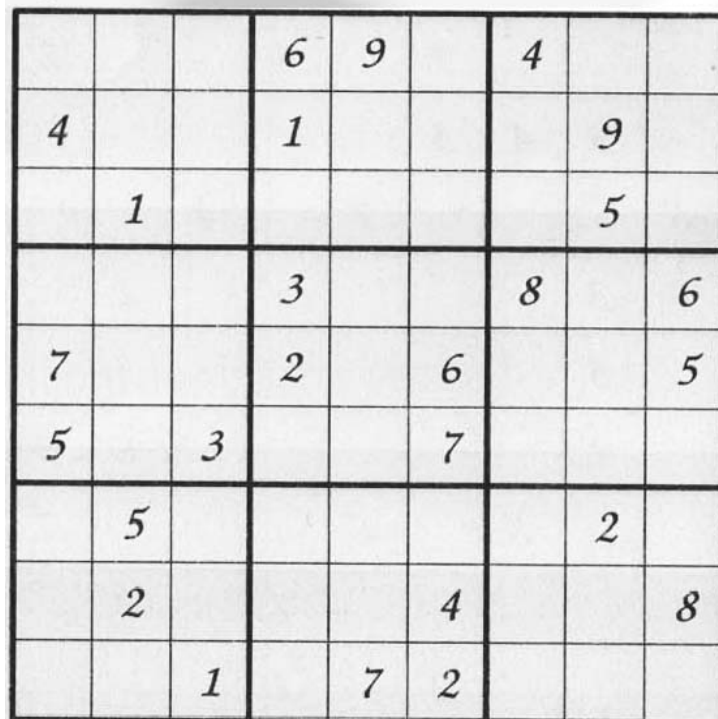
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First US-Cuba cargo ship in 50 years docks in Havana



HAVANA : The Ana Cecilia ship with humanitarian aid from the United States arrived at Havana's harbor, yesterday. The cargo ship carrying humanitarian aid from the US to Cuba is the first expedition of its kind in 50 years. Its clients for what will be a weekly shipment -- sailing some 16 hours from Miami to Havana -- include charitable, religious and humanitarian groups, as well as relatives of people living in Cuba, according to the transport firm International Port Corp. The Ana Cecilia can hold 16 containers. (AFP PHOTO)

Rousseff: Brazil to shun EU's austerity path

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil will not adopt EU-style austerity measures to tackle its economic crisis and will instead cut taxes and maintain social programs, President Dilma Rousseff said yesterday.

Inaugurating an oil platform in the northeastern state

of Bahia, she leveled fresh criticism of the belt-tightening measures adopted by debt-ridden European countries, including salary cuts and higher taxes.

"Brazil is following a different path. This is not our way. Our way is to maintain our investments, seek each time to ensure that the subsidies, the advantages and the successes of this development are distributed," she noted.

She made clear that resource-rich Brazil, the world's sixth largest economy, will not restrict any labor rights, will boost stimulus measures and will act to prevent the national currency, the real, from appreciating against the dollar as this would harm the already fragile industrial sector.

Geithner warned BoE about Libor rate in 2008

LONDON (AFP) - US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner warned about the manipulation of Britain's Libor bank rate in 2008, four years before Barclays was fined for trying to rig it, emails published by the Bank of England showed yesterday.

On June 1, 2008, Geithner, then president of the powerful Federal Reserve Bank of New York, emailed BoE chief Mervyn King expressing concern about the London interbank lending rate (Libor), a benchmark for a range of worldwide consumer and commercial loan rates, from credit cards to mortgages.

Geithner recommended in a two-page list of steps how to prevent banks from misreporting data that would artificially skew the Libor rate to their own benefit and establish a "credible reporting procedure."

It is unclear what further steps Geithner took, but two

days later King replied that Geithner's recommendations "seem sensible" and would be provided to the British Bankers' Association, which manages the daily Libor setting process, for consideration.

"I shall be happy to discuss this further with you," said King.

What the US Fed did after that is not clear; US regulators were soon embroiled in the 2008 financial crisis following the collapse of investment bank Bear Stearns, which spread devastating turmoil through the financial sector and the economy.

Last month, Barclays was fined \$451 million by British and US regulators for the attempted rigging of the Libor and its eurozone equivalent, Euribor, in a scandal that may trigger criminal prosecutions and implicate other banks.

US lawmakers plan to question Geithner and Federal Re-

serve Chairman Ben Bernanke later this month about the British bank-rigging scandal, which threatens to spill over from London to Washington.

Questions have been raised about when the Fed detected foul play, whether it did enough to stop it and whether the issue was put on the back burner because Wall Street was in the throes of the financial crisis.

The New York Federal Reserve has said that it "received occasional anecdotal reports from Barclays of problems with Libor" in late 2007, in the context of "thousands of calls and e-mails" from market participants.

In spring 2008 the Fed said it "made further inquiry of Barclays as to how Libor submissions were being conducted. We subsequently shared analysis and suggestions for reform of Libor with the relevant authorities in the UK."

JPMorgan's 'London Whale' losses hit \$5.8 bn

Yesterday Chase admitted that losses from botched derivatives trades had soared to \$5.8 billion, nearly triple the cost originally predicted, while the bank warned of more red ink to come.

The losses -- which were linked to a British unit that included a trader dubbed "the London Whale" -- have cost \$5.8 billion since the beginning of the year, according to chief financial officer Doug Braunstein.

The dodgy bets were originally forecast to set the firm back at least \$2 billion.

The new figures were revealed as the bank reported profits for the second quarter that slid to \$5 billion, a drop of nine percent compared to the same period a year before.

The bank also revised down first quarter earnings by \$459 million.

Chief executive Jamie Dimon said JPMorgan had "significantly reduced" the risk from the mismanaged derivatives hedging scheme, even as it sought to quickly unwind the positions.

But he admitted the bank could face further losses of between \$800 million and \$1.7 billion.

The initial acknowledgment of the problem came in May amid scrutiny of the actions of one trader, Bruno Michel Iksil -- nicknamed "the London Whale" because of the splash made by his cetacean-sized bets. He has now been fired,

along with others held responsible, and faces efforts by the firm to claw back bonuses and other cash.

But this is likely not the end of the saga for the storied bank, which in May revealed that a scheme at the company's Chief Investment Office (CIO) designed to mitigate risk had spectacularly backfired.

As well as the substantial losses, the 141-year-old firm still faces massive reputation damage and a string of legal and political woes.

Dimon announced yesterday that what remains of the dodgy portfolio had been transferred to the company's investment bank and that the CIO unit would, in future, stick to less risky trades.

"We have already completely overhauled CIO management and enhanced the governance standards within CIO," he said in a statement.

The scandal was a humiliation for Dimon -- one of Wall Street's best known titans -- and for the bank, after it proudly came through the 2008 financial crisis in far better shape than its rivals.

Stock markets appeared to take solace from the earnings report, with JPMorgan shares up 3.8 percent in early New York trade.

S&P Capital IQ equity analyst Erik Oja said the losses appear to be "under control," giving investors some confidence while the bank's core business continues to tick over.

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J.Lo follows rocker Tyler out of 'American Idol'



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Jennifer Lopez announced Friday she was quitting ratings-challenged TV talent show "American Idol," a day after fellow judge Steven Tyler announced his departure.

Lopez had hinted as much on Thursday, when the Aerosmith frontman revealed that he was leaving the Fox show, which has struggled notably against new NBC rival "The Voice."

"I honestly feel like the time has come... to get back to doing the other things that I do, that I put on hold," Lopez said Friday on "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest's radio show.

"I had put it on hold because I love 'Idol' so much. You have a lot of other responsibilities and other things you want to do."

Tyler and Lopez became judges on the hit talent show

in September 2010, joining record producer Randy Jackson, who has been on the show since it launched.

Tyler said Thursday he was returning to his first love -- rock music.

"I strayed from my first love, AEROSMITH, and I'm back -- but instead of begging on my hands and knees, I've got two fists in the air and I'm kicking the door open with my band," he said in a statement.

"American Idol," which has aired for 11 seasons, has struggled with falling ratings, and was thrown into disarray by the departure of judges Simon Cowell, Ellen DeGeneres and Kara DioGuardi two years ago.

"The Voice" premiered on NBC last year and was an immediate hit, with judges Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton. It has been renewed for a third season.

Taylor Swift Is Richest Star Under 30

Taylor Swift doesn't need to date a Kennedy -- she has enough wealth and status herself, based off Forbes' annual Highest-Paid Celebrities Under 30 list, released Friday.

The magazine estimates that the 22-year-old singer has earned \$57 million between May 2011 and May



2012, a figure that gives her the No. 1 spot on the chart. In addition to her multi-platinum album sales and her sold-out concerts, the "Both of Us" singer has a beauty deal with CoverGirl and launched her debut into the celebrity fragrance market with Wonderstruck. (The follow-up scent, Wonderstruck Enchanted, is set to release September 2012.)

Coming as no surprise in the No. 2 spot is 18-year-old Justin Bieber, who has made an estimated \$55 million, followed by Rihanna, 24, who has pulled in a whopping \$53 million. Lady Gaga, 26, with \$52 million and Katy Perry, 27, with \$45 million round out the list's top five.

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US TV host sparks fury over 'Dark Knight' spoiler

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US talk show host David Letterman triggered online wrath from movie fans Friday, after apparently giving away a key plot twist in the new "Dark Knight" movie.

While those who don't want to know the ending can choose not to read stories about it -- including this one -- fans of the Batman-based franchise were enraged after the Thursday night spoiler.

Letterman was interviewing actress Anne Hathaway about the third and final film, "The Dark Knight Rises" -- out next weekend in the United States -- when he stunned her by apparently revealing the dramatic plot twist.

"I saw this movie, the Batman movie... and in the end,

Batman is dead," he said. After a startled pause, Hathaway admonished him saying "Daaaave..!" at which point Letterman scrambled to backtrack.

"He's not dead... just relax," he told the audience, with a big smile on his face.

"The wrath you have just invited onto yourself!" exclaimed Hathaway, before looking at the camera and saying, in words addressed to director Christopher Nolan: "Chris, I had no part in it, I'm sorry."

It was not clear whether Letterman's spoiler was genuine. But the blogosphere erupted with fans protesting that he had ruined the movie for them in advance.

"Dave has 'OLD TIMERS' disease. It happens to everyone," commented Mad Hatter

1 on the Huffington Post, while @dirtytea tweeted: "Avoid David Letterman interview with Anne Hathaway, he spoils the ending."

The Hollywood Reporter said it was unlikely Letterman's comments would do significant damage to the blockbuster finale's box office takings, once it is released next Friday.

"If (comic book baddie) Bane really does put an end to Batman, Warner Bros. (the studio behind "Dark Knight") may want to do the same to David Letterman," it said.

But it concluded: "With 'The Dark Knight Rises' tracking north of \$160 million for its opening weekend, there's little chance Letterman's statements could hurt its box office."

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John Stuart is the creator of the longest running Las Vegas show at the Imperial Palace, "Legends in Concert," still welcoming appreciative audiences after 30 years.

"Enchanted Aruba" is a mélange of entertaining acts and dramatically staged and costumed dance numbers blended with a

breath-taking parade of acrobatic expertise by the famed Ritmo Cubano troupe. Paula Ridderstap, a Portuguese recording artist relocated to Aruba, provides appealing vocals, and Angela Flores, first violinist of the Maracaibo Philharmonic Orchestra, demonstrates her virtuosity accompanied by a lovely, romantic duet dance and acrobatics.

The program features renowned contortionist Hayley Kent, a Cirque du Soleil alumnus, directly from Las Vegas and Los Latin Cowboys Live, returning to the stage, stronger than ever, mixing great humor, audience participation and compelling rhythms.

"Enchanted Aruba" features a dinner show for \$59.95, with children under 12, \$44.95. For the show only is \$44.95, children's price: \$29.95; VIP Seating with souvenir poster & picture: \$69.95. For reservations call: 592-4466 or visit their website: <http://enchantedaruba.com/> Visit their Facebook page to keep up on the latest enchanted news.

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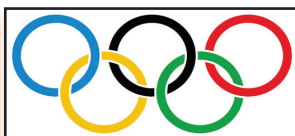
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Summer Olympics: July 27 - August 12

Bolt to battle to retain world's fastest man tag



PARIS (AFP) - Usain Bolt arrived at the last Olympics in Beijing with athletics at a low ebb, but he and the sport were transformed after the Jamaican left with then-world records in both the 100 and 200m.

The ebullient Bolt captured the public's attention and went on to replicate his sprinting prowess at the 2009 World Championships, winning double gold, amazingly in new world records of 9.58 and 19.19 seconds respectively.

The world's fastest man became, and remains, athletics' hottest property, commanding huge appearance fees on the European circuit and earning enough that competing in London is prohibitively expensive thanks to the British taxman.

But in the run-in to the July 27-August 12 Olympic Games, a chink has appeared in Bolt's armour, a shadow of doubt that has not been seen in almost four years.

It comes in the shape of

training partner Yohan Blake, who stunned the world (but not all athletics pundits) by beating Bolt not just once, but twice, in the Jamaican Olympic trials.

The glass ceiling was well and truly broken. Bolt the unbeatable has become beatable, albeit for sprinters who regularly clock sub-9.90sec times.

"Bolt might be a little off at the moment, but I'm sure when the time of delivery comes around, he'll be on top of his game," coach Glen Mills said of the 25-year-old after seeing Blake beat him in the 200m.

It was Bolt's first defeat in his favourite event in more than four years. He clocked 19.83sec to Blake's world leading 19.80, and immediately vowed to fight back.

"It is not like I was blown away," Bolt said, pinpointing his "sad" bend as the race's weak point.

"It's all about work and just needing to get my things together and get it right. I got

to get in the work and figure out what I did wrong.

"I have to work hard to get ready for the Olympics. I think I am a little bit weak but three more weeks should be good enough to get back into shape."

Born in Trelawny on August 21, 1986, Usain St Leo Bolt shot to prominence as a junior, winning 200m gold at the 2002 World Junior Championships at 15 years of age.

Standing 1.95 m (6ft 5in) tall and weighing in at 92kg, the prodigy progressed smoothly into senior ranks.

But the son of grocery-owning parents will have his work cut out to hold off the challenge of Blake and defend his Olympic titles, something he says would be necessary to make him a "legend" of the sport.

"I am the Olympic champion and I have to show the world I am the best," Bolt said. "I will always make a comeback."



Ukraine seek to better Beijing performance - Bubka

KIEV (AFP) - Ukraine's Olympic team is heading to the London Games seeking to improve on its performance in Beijing of 27 medals, which included seven golds, said legendary pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, its Olympic Committee chief.

Bubka also said that in London 245 Ukrainian athletes would be competing in 28 sports, ranging from athletics and gymnastics to weightlifting and judo.

"Ukraine's Olympic Committee has spent around \$7 million for the preparation of our squad for the Olympics, while our government assigned more means for the team's successful performance at the Games," he said.

"I believe that our squad will perform at the Games even better than they did four years ago."

Bubka said that two-time Olympic medal winner judoka Roman Gontyuk will be the country's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony on July 27.

"It's a great honour for me to carry the country's flag at the Games opening," said Gontyuk, who won silver at the Athens Olympics in 2004 and bronze in Beijing four years ago.

Bubka meanwhile said the track and field athletics, wrestling, gymnastics, boxing, fencing, rowing, shooting and archery to be his team's main priorities at the Olympics.

Wimbledon braced for purple haze



LONDON (AFP) - When Roger Federer returns to Wimbledon later this month to begin his bid for Olympic gold, the seven-time champion will find the historic venue he regards as a second home has undergone a major facelift.

Federer barely had time to pack away his racquets after his final victory over Andy Murray on Sunday before Wimbledon groundstaff began to transform the hallowed confines of the All England Club into a riot of colour ahead of the Olympic tennis event.

The Games are returning to Wimbledon for the first time since 1908 and the experience will come as quite a culture shock to those used to the genteel surroundings of the south-west London arena.

Aside from the high-quality tennis on show, a significant part of Wimbledon's charm is the tranquil atmosphere.

Between July 28 and August 5 all that will change and even seven-time champion Federer may be forgiven for doing a double-take when he gets his first glimpse of the overhaul.

Dark green is the dominant colour during the Wimbledon fortnight, but the All England Club will be lost in a purple haze for the duration of the Games, with many of the outside courts decked out in the vivid Olympic livery and legendary ring logo within 24 hours of Federer's triumph.

Perhaps most noticeably, the Wimbledon requirement that players wear white clothing will be gone.

Instead, spectators can expect a rainbow of hues as players wearing outfits in the colours of their nation bring a splash of colour to the world's most famous tennis courts.

Drug-cheat Chambers wants to set example

LONDON (AFP) - Convicted drugs cheat Dwain Chambers said Friday he believes his presence at the Olympics this summer should serve as a warning to anyone thinking of doping.

The 34-year-old sprinter was cleared to compete at London 2012 earlier this year when the British Olympic Association's lifetime ban for

drugs cheats was overturned.

"I hope my presence makes people think twice and not do it," he told The Times. "I hope they never contemplate it because it really doesn't help."

"You may look at times and statistics but it doesn't help your life. It ruins your life and you will regret it for ever."



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TAMPA	45	41	.523	7.5
TORONTO	43	43	.500	9.5
BOSTON	42	43	.500	9.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	49	34	.590	--
ATLANTA	46	39	.541	4.0
NY METS	46	40	.535	4.5
MIAMI	41	44	.482	9.0
PHILADELPHIA	37	50	.425	14.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	47	38	.553	--
CLEVELAND	44	41	.518	3.0
DETROIT	44	42	.512	3.5
KANSAS	37	47	.440	9.5
MINNESOTA	36	49	.424	11.0

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PITTSBURG	48	37	.565	--
CINCINNATI	47	38	.553	1.0
ST. LOUIS	46	40	.535	2.5
MILWAUKEE	40	45	.471	8.0
CHICAGO	33	52	.388	15.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	52	34	.605	--
LA ANGELES	48	38	.558	4.0
OAKLAND	43	43	.500	9.0
SEATTLE	36	51	.414	16.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	47	40	.540	--
SAN FRANCISCO	46	40	.535	0.5
ARIZONA	42	43	.494	4.0
SAN DIEGO	34	53	.391	13.0
COLORADO	33	52	.388	13.0

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“Money In The Bank” for all WWE fans tomorrow at Bushiri Karting

BUSHIRI — Tomorrow, July 15, all WWE fans can enjoy another fantastic bout, “Money In The Bank” live at Bushiri Karting. The event takes place at US Airways Center at Phoenix, Arizona.

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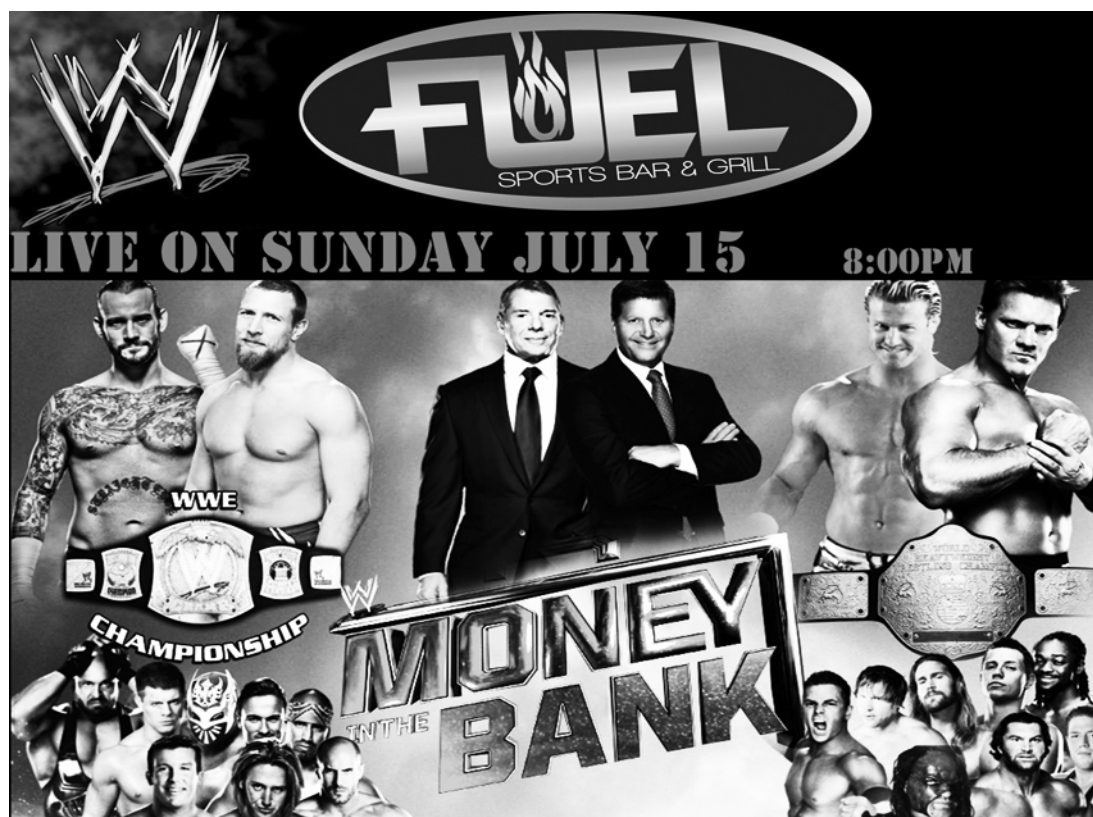
- Big Show vs. Kane vs. Chris Jericho vs. John Cena for “Money In The Bank” Ladder Match for the WWE Championship
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WWE Championship with referee AJ

- Damien Sandow vs. Tyson Kidd vs. Christian vs. Santino Marella vs. Tensai vs. Cody Rhodes vs. Dolph Ziggler for World Heavyweight Championship

- Sheamus vs. Alberto Del Rio for “singles match” for World Heavyweight Championship.

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Brees signs five-year, \$100m deal with Saints, report

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - The New Orleans Saints have agreed to a five-year, multi-

million contract with veteran quarterback Drew Brees, American media reported on Friday.

The contract is worth \$100 million with a league-record \$60 million in guaranteed money, American broadcaster ESPN reported on Friday. The first-year of the deal is worth \$40 million.

"Deal is Done! Love you. See you soon!" Brees wrote on Twitter.

The 11-year-veteran had earlier let the Saints know he was looking for a long-term deal.

Brees was coming off a brilliant season in which he set NFL records for passing yards (5,476), completions (468) and completion percentage (71.2).

Brees, who took New Orleans to a Super Bowl championship in 2010, also led the league with 46 touchdown passes and averaged 342 yards passing per game. He was named to last year's NFC Pro Bowl team.

In 154 career games, Brees has thrown for 40,742

yards and 281 touchdowns.

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Millar wins 12th stage, Wiggins in yellow

ANNONAY, France (AFP) - Britain's David Millar claimed his fourth Tour de France stage, and first since 2003, after dominating a two-up sprint with Frenchman Jean-Christophe Peraud on Friday.

Yellow jersey holder Bradley Wiggins finished nearly eight minutes behind a leading group of five to retain his race lead after the 226 km 12th stage between Saint-Jean-De-Maurienne and Annonay in the Ardeche.

Wiggins' Sky teammate Chris Froome stayed second overall at 2min 05sec with Vincenzo Nibali (Liquigas) in third at 2:23 and Australia's Cadel Evans (BMC) fourth at 3:19.

On what was termed a 'transition' stage before the peloton heads into the Pyrenees, Wiggins had little to worry him as the breakaway stretched their lead at the front.

The biggest drama was his decision to make a small attack before the summit of the final climb, but he explained it had been purely to prevent Frenchman Jerome Coppel slipping away.

"It was just a way of neutralising the Jerome Coppel/Christophe Kern attack because Coppel was at 12 minutes (behind) and we didn't want him joining the front group and gaining a lot of time," said Wiggins.

Millar's fourth career stage on the race comes in the wake of an "horrific" Tour campaign for his Garmin-Sharp team who have lost several riders, including team leader Ryder Hesjedal.

"It's massive. It's been an horrific Tour for us so far," said Millar.

"I really wanted to do something... prove that we're still here and show that Garmin-Sharp are one of the best cycling teams in the world."

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FA continue Terry probe after court verdict

LONDON (AFP) - England's governing Football Association (FA) said it would seek to "conclude its own inquiries" after former England captain John Terry was cleared by a London court Friday of charges he racially abused rival footballer Anton Ferdinand.

Terry was stripped of the England captaincy in Febru-

ary over the allegations, prompting Fabio Capello to resign as England manager in protest.

Capello's exit came just months before England, defender Terry included, competed in the 2012 European Championships.

The FA suspended its own disciplinary inquiry into the incident, which took place

when Terry's Chelsea played Ferdinand's Queens Park Rangers on October 23 last year, so as not to prejudice criminal proceedings.

After Chief Magistrate Howard Riddle found the 31-year-old Chelsea captain not guilty at the end of a five-day trial at Westminster Magistrates Court, the FA issued a short statement on its web-

site.

"Further to today's (Friday's) court verdict in relation to John Terry, the FA made the following statement:

"The FA notes the decision in the John Terry case and will now seek to conclude its own enquiries. The FA will make no further comment at this time."